

Senate File 7 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act prohibiting the disbursement of a certain plant,
2 including its seeds, commonly classified as oriental
3 bittersweet, within this state, and making penalties
4 applicable.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 317.25, Code 2013, is amended to read as
2 follows:

3 317.25 Teasel, Invasive plants prohibited — teasel,
4 multiflora rose, and purple loosestrife prohibited — exceptions,
5 and oriental bittersweet exception — penalty.

6 1. A person shall not import, sell, offer for sale, or
7 distribute teasel (*Dipsacus*) biennial, the multiflora rose
8 (*Rosa multiflora*), purple loosestrife (*Lythrum salicaria*),
9 purple loosestrife (*Lythrum virgatum*), or oriental bittersweet
10 (*Celastrus orbiculatus*), including the seeds of ~~them~~ those
11 plants, in any form in this state. However, this ~~section~~
12 subsection does not prohibit the sale, offer for sale, or
13 distribution of the multiflora rose (*Rosa multiflora*) used for
14 understock for either cultivated roses or ornamental shrubs in
15 gardens.

16 2. Any person violating ~~the provisions of this section~~
17 subsection 1 is subject to a fine of not ~~exceeding~~ to exceed
18 one hundred dollars.

19 EXPLANATION

20 Current Code section 317.25 originated in 1973 when the
21 56th General Assembly prohibited the sale, offer for sale,
22 or distribution of teasel (*Dipsacus*) biennial or its seeds
23 (1973 Iowa Acts, ch. 206). Since then, the general assembly
24 has prohibited the importation of teasel, as well as the
25 importation, sale, offer for sale, or distribution of other
26 plants or their seeds classified as invasive, including the
27 multiflora rose (*Rosa multiflora*), and purple loosestrife
28 (*Lythrum salicaria* or *Lythrum virgatum*). This bill adds
29 oriental bittersweet (*Celastrus orbiculatus*) and its seeds to
30 that list. The bill provides that a person who imports, sells,
31 offers for sale, or distributes oriental bittersweet is subject
32 to the Code section's existing fine of not more than \$100.